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FM AMEMBASSY DAKAR

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INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

AMEMBASSY ACCRA

AMEMBASSY COTONOU

AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG

AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

AMEMBASSY LAGOS

AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE

AMEMBASSY MONROVIA

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

PRETORIA 0195

AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE

AMCONSUL CASABLANCA

AMCONSUL DOUALA

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SUBJ: PAN AM SERVICE TO DAKAR

REF: A. DAKAR 1726, B. STATE 117576, C. STATE 076594

1. DAKAR PANAM REP HEEMSKERK INFORMS EMBASSY THAT UNDER
PROPOSED PANAM ROUTING CHANGE (REF B), PAA FLIGHTS 184/185
WOULD TERMINATE AND ORIGINATE IN NAIROBI RATHER THAN
JOHANNESBURG. CHANGE WOULD THUS NOT AFFECT THREE WEEKLY
FLIGHTS IN EACH DIRECTION BETWEEN NEW YORK AND WEST AFRICA AND
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SHOULD NOT INCONVENIENCE MOST AMERICAN TRAVELERS TO AFRICA.

2. EMBASSY BELIEVES BREAKING SOUTH AFRICAN CONNECTION HAS OBVIOUS POLITICAL ADVANTAGES AND SHOULD PRODUCE LONG-TERM ECONOMIC ADVANTAGES FOR PANAM. SINCE PANAM IS SYNONYMOUS WITH AMERICAN AVIATION FOR GOVERNMENTS OF MOST COUNTRIES ON WEST AFRICAN ROUTE, EMBASSY BELIEVES PROPOSED CHANGE WILL BE BENEFICIAL TO GENERAL AMERICAN BUSINESS AND OFFICIAL INTERESTS HERE. PANAM HAS DEMONSTRATED FAR-SIGHTED TIMING IN MAKING CHANGE NOW BEFORE GROWING SENTIMENT IN WEST AFRICA AGAINST CONTINUATION OF FLIGHTS TO JOHANNESBURG REACHES POINT OF PUBLIC SHOWDOWN.

3. DEPT ADVISED EMBASSY ON MARCH 30 VIA REF C THAT WE WOULD BE INFORMED IN NEAR FUTURE OF SUGGESTED DATES FOR BEGINNING US/GOS BILATERAL CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS. IN VIEW OF OCT 1 EXPIRATION OF PAA OPERATING PERMIT IN SENEGAL AND GROWING SIGNS THAT GOS ANXIOUS TO GET NEGOTIATIONS UNDER-WAY, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING ADVISED OF DATES SOONEST.
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